कंपनियों पर उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य विद्युत परिषद की बकाया राशि

1228. **श्री अनन्तराय जायसवाला:**
श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:

क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश में राज्य विद्युत परिषद का विभिन्न कंपनियों पर अरबों रुपये का बकाया है, यदि हां, तो किन-किन कंपनियों पर कितना-कितना रुपये बकाया है;

(ख) ऐसी कंपनियों में कितनी कंपनियां बन्द हैं और कितनी कंपनियां चालू हैं; और

(ग) क्या सरकार बकाया रकम को वसूल करने का विचार रखती है, यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या कार्रवाई की गई है या की जा रही है?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती उर्मिला चिमनभाई पटेल): (क) उ०प्र०रा०बि० बोर्ड ने सूचित किया है कि मार्च, 1995 के अंत तक अनेक कंपनियों/औद्योगिक उपभोक्ताओं की ओर उसकी 419.62 करोड़ रुपये की राशि बकाया है। इसमें से 301.50 करोड़ रु० की राशि 2284 कंपनियों की ओर बकाया है, जिनमें से प्रत्येक की ओर उ०प्र०रा०वि०बो० का एक लाख रुपये से अधिक बकाया है।

(ख) उ०प्र०रा०बि०बोर्ड० के अनुसार उपर्युक्त पैराग्राफ (क) में उल्लिखित 2284 कंपनियों में से 1286 कंपनियां बंद हो चुकी हैं और 998 कंपनियां अभी कार्य कर रही हैं।

(ग) न्यायालय के स्थगन आदेशों के अनुसार रोकी गई राशियों को छोड़कर इन उपभोक्ताओं से बकाया देय राशियों की वसूली के लिए उ०प्र०रा०वि० बोर्ड द्वारा की गई कार्रवाई में, अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ इन इकाइयों की विद्युत आपूर्ति काटना शामिल है।

Shifting of Dwarka TV Transmitter

1229. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABAHI PATEL: Will the Minister of IFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the shifting of Dwarka TV transmitter to some other place in Gujarat is pending with Government for the last three years;

(b) if so, the action taken so far for shifting of this transmitter;

(c) the time schedule fixed for this purpose; and

(d) if not, the reasons and difficulties being faced by Government in its shifting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) A new site for locating the High Power Transmitter at Dwarka has been taken over. The project is expected to be completed in about 3 years subject to availability of funds, infrastructure facilities and inter-se priorities.

Cases Referred to BIFR

1230. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of sick industrial units referred to Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction since 1992, year-wise;

(b) time taken by the Board in giving its decision in each case referred to it; and

(c) whether Governments are aware of the need of reforming the functioning of the Board with a view to reduce the time taken in disposal of cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) The Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has reported that the number of cases of sick industrial units received and registered by its since 1992, year-wise was as follows:

Year	No. of References Received	No. of Cases Registered
1992	225	177
1993	223	152
1994	296	193
1995	208	117
1996 (upto 31.01.1996)	22	10
Total	974	649

(b) and (c) BIFR has reported that it has streamlined its procedures, reduced the time lag in hearing and shortened the overall duration of proceedings so as to ensure expeditious disposal of references. BIFR has further reported that the time taken for disposal of cases is coming down. While the average time taken for disposal of cases registered with BIFR during 1987 to 1991 was 739 days, the average time taken for disposal of cases registered during 1992 and 1993 was 457 days and 196 days respectively. For the year 1994, the average time taken for cases already disposed of was 105 days.

Resignation by Members from Central Film Censor Board

1231. SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI:
SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some members of Central Film Censor Board have resigned recently to lodge their protest against the prevailing "Wrong policies and actions" of the Board; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No. Sir.
(b) Does not arise.

Successive Fall in the Rate of Inflation

1232. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 7 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th February, 1996 and state:

(a) the rates of inflation in the months of January during the years successively 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996; and

(b) the factors responsible for the progressive fall in the inflation rate and in what way it is related to overall economic growth of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (Dr. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) The annual rate of inflation in terms of wholesale Price Index (base:1981-82) for the month of January from 1991-1996 is listed below:-

As on January	Annual rate of inflation
1991	12.9
1992	13.6
1993	7.6
1994	9.1
1995	12.1
1996(provisional)	5.2

(b) Some of important factors responsible for the progressive fall in the inflation rate during the current year are:—

— Continuation of open market sale by FCI of rice and wheat through 1995-96.
— Continuing OGL import policy for sugar, edible oils and pulses at nil or reduced duty.
— Import of sugar and edible oils on Government account for augmenting supply through PDS.
— Adjustment in trade, tax and tariff policies in the Budget for current fiscal year to ensure that domestic prices of industrial products remain competitive.
— Strengthening of public distribution system and its expansion in RPDS areas.
— Reduction of fiscal deficit in the budget for current financial year to 5.5 per cent of GDP.
— Containing monetary growth to less than 15.5 per cent in 1995-96 through a series of measures.

Violation of FERA

1233. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govt.'s attention has been drawn to a report appearing in the 'Asian